

## MINISTER PRAISES RAILWAY WORKERS

Tokyo, Aug. 3 (Domei).—The emergency steps being taken by transportation authorities for strengthening and protecting railway traffic are proving highly satisfactory, and the morale of railway workers continues to mount despite the continued enemy air attacks. Naoto Kobiyama, Transportation Minister, declared on his return to Tokyo from an extensive inspection trip.

Kobiyama made a 12-day journey, beginning on July 18 through Kinki, Chugoku and Kyushu districts, and had many opportunities to witness personally the vigorous activeness of railway workers. Praising the prompt and proper action of railwaymen during enemy raids against communication lines, he said that the activities of the mobile repair corps should also be noted.

### ALWAYS READY

The enemy is now carrying out large scale attacks on Kyushu, apparently in an attempt to destroy the railway network. Bridges, tunnels and other facilities are repeatedly bombed. The mobile repair corps are always ready on hand to go into action as soon as any damage is done. They continue their work even under the enemy's machinegun fire. They are just like soldiers fighting on frontline battle fields.

The Minister declared fullest co-operation is being given by the Army and the general public. If any shortage is felt in labour, Army railway units and the people residing along the railways extend every possible assistance.

## New India Secretary?

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei).—Frederick William Pethick-Lawrence, 73-year-old Labour front-bencher, is expected in London political quarters to be named Secretary of State for India in the new Labour Government, according to a London dispatch.

Speculation is given strength by the fact that British Prime Minister Attlee, who returned today from Potsdam and resumed Cabinet organising efforts, summoned Pethick-Lawrence for talks.

Earlier, it was generally believed that Lord Listowel, Labour Under-Secretary of State for India in the Churchill coalition government, would be named for the Indian secretaryship.

## Back In England

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei).—With the conclusion of the "Big Three" discussions, American President Harry Truman today flew from Potsdam to Plymouth and joined King George VI aboard the British battle-cruiser "Renown" for a brief luncheon meeting, according to a Plymouth dispatch. After remaining two hours aboard the "Renown", Truman boarded the American cruiser "Augusta" which will carry him back to the U.S. Meantime, British Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin arrived back in London today from the "Big Three" conference.

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## Uninterrupted Flow Of Supplies For Nippon

An Undisclosed Nippon Port, Aug. 3.—There is a certain unit which is battling with enemy planes and risking danger of floating mines in transporting vital goods from the continent to the mainland of Nippon. Soya-beans, salt and sorghum—source of vital warpower—come flooding in from the continent through the efforts of men who have formed themselves into transportation crews working under a special system of their own.

Salt is relayed in small baskets direct to warehouses with efficiency twice that of ordinary operations. Mountains of soya-beans, salt and sorghum are seen all over this region, while empty barns, outhouses and unfloored sections of any and every farmhouse are packed ceiling high with these precious materials from the continent. Large supplies from China and Manchoukuo give one a sense of strength of Nippon as well as a feeling of encouragement with the imminence of the decisive battle on the mainland.

The co-operation of the people here with the Army is also heartening to an extent hard to express in words. From 7 in the morning to 6 at night under the beating rays of the sun they cheerfully volunteer their services. Old women mend holes in bags, schoolchildren with straw mats cover piles of soya-beans and sorghum heaped in fields, middle school students set repairing and adjusting traffic facilities, and thus, one and all, they work with tenacity of purpose so that the flow of supplies will move along uninterrupted. —Domei.

## Soviet Criticism

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei).—In a short article entitled "An Incredible Occurrence," the influential Soviet journal Izvestia today criticised the action of General Thorn, the British Commander in Norway, in pardoning a German officer who shot a Russian in a Norwegian camp.

Declaring that it was difficult to understand the motives behind such mercy, the Izvestia said that General Thorn set a new precedent, namely, that a German officer can kill whomever and whenever he wishes, especially Russians, but it is forbidden to kill a German officer for such an action.

"The Soviet public and all honest people are not disposed to treat killers so mercifully," the journal said. It indirectly charged the British general with retaining "something of the former respect for the German military code."

## "Please Send Me To The Front"

Macassar, Aug. 3 (Domei).—Indonesian girls have come to the fore with offers to join the Indonesian Volunteer Corps. Typical is the following letter received by the instructor of the Macassar Naval Volunteer Corps School from 18-year-old Rennie Akapente of Boni District who, after graduation from the public school, has been working in a spinners.

Her letter follows: "At a time when our Indonesian young men are fighting on the frontlines as members of the People's Volunteer Corps, why is it that Indonesian young women cannot shoulder arms and fight against the enemy?"

"As an Indonesian, I am fully conscious why the war is now being waged. If because I am a woman, I cannot be made a member of the Volunteer Corps, please send me to the front in some other capacity."

## Martial Law Declared

Zurich, Aug. 2 (Domei).—Indicating that serious tension has arisen between the Czechs and the German minority residing inside Czechoslovak territory, a Prague dispatch today said that martial law was declared at Usti, an industrial town near the German frontier after the Germans had set fire to cable works there on Tuesday.

The Czechs are said to be demanding the immediate deportation of all Germans from the town which was promised by the authorities yesterday. The dispatch said that nearly 50 persons were killed, about 40 severely injured and 120 slightly wounded in the fire and explosions at the Usti Cable Works.

About 150 workers' houses had been wrecked by blast, it said.

## MARINE COMBAT UNITS

Tokyo, Aug. 1 (Domei).—With the Navy Ministry's announcement yesterday that marine combat service units of the People's Volunteer Corps will be formed on Aug. 1, both land and marine combat service units will make their debut today.

## Stout Defence On China Front

(By A Domei Corres.)

A Nippon Frontline Base in China Aug. 4.—A complicated network of defence lines making extensive use of creeks and extending from the shorelines deep into the hinterland—this is what your correspondent recently had the opportunity of inspecting in Central China by courtesy of the headquarters of the Nippon Expeditionary Forces in China.

These defences have of course been built up in preparation for the day when the American forces in the Pacific dare to land on the China front.

Nanking full use of the experiences in past battles with American forces on the Pacific islands and cleverly taking advantage of the topographical conditions on the China continent, the Nippon High Command has constructed positions at scattered points in such way that the Nippon force can immediately intercept the enemy from which ever direction he may come.

## Tension Mounts

Shanghai, Aug. 4 (Domei).—Tension between the Kuomintang authorities and the Muslim population in Sinkiang Province is running high as over 5,000 persons have been killed in a series of disturbances which recently broke out between the Muslims and Chungking troops in Urumchi, according to a New China News Agency report from Yen-an.

Since March last year there have been intermittent uprisings by the Muslims, protesting against the maladministration of Chungking authorities, the report said. The situation was dangerously aggravated when Chungking authorities recently sent 30,000 troops to Urumchi to suppress the Muslims.

These Chungking troops freely engaged in looting and exacted heavy taxes from the local population whereupon the Muslims organised resistance on a larger scale. In the disturbances, the Chungking troops opened fire resulting in the death of more than 5,000 persons.

The New China News Agency report added in the period from March last year to last month, more than 100,000 Muslims have been arrested and imprisoned by the provincial government of Sinkiang in connection with the mass uprising against the maladministration of the Kuomintang authorities.

## Dai Honyei Report

## Many Enemy Surface Air Units Bagged

Tokyo, Aug. 2, (Domei).—Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 5 p.m. yesterday as follows:

"1. Preparations by our Army and Navy forces against enemy invasion are now being steadily strengthened.

"2. Our anti-air interception units are engaged in counter-attacking, with part of their forces, enemy aircraft raiding our mainland, and of our war results obtained in these counter-attacking operations during the month of July those that have become known are as follows: Large aircraft—shot down 43, 29 of them B-29's; heavily damaged—about 100, about 70 of them B-29's; carrier-borne and other small aircraft—shot down 478; heavily damaged about 400. Some damage was caused to our cities, plants, and shipping. But the damage caused to airfields and other military installations was slight.

### CONFIRMED RESULTS

"3. Our air force has since been continuing its attack on enemy airbases and vessels in the Okinawa sector, and our war results that have become known from June 25 to July 31 are as follows: Sank two cruisers, one cruiser-c, destroyer, two destroyers, two transports and three warcraft of unidentified categories; heavily damaged one cruiser, one destroyer, and three warcraft of unidentified categories; blasted and set ablaze at least 26 points on the enemy airfields.

"4. Of the war results obtained by our undersea craft in attacking enemy supply lines in the Pacific waters, those that have become known since the middle of June up to the present are as follows: Sank two transports; heavily damaged one battleship, one oil-tanker, and two transports.

"5. Our surface escort units have sunk three enemy submarines and heavily damaged two others mainly in the waters close to our mainland since the middle of June."

## Ineffective Raids

Tokyo, Aug. 3 (Domei).—About 50 Mustang fighters from the Iwojima base attacked airfields, warplants and transport facilities in Miye, Aichi and Gifu prefectures for one hour yesterday night. Meanwhile, some 60 enemy fighters of the same type invaded the Hansin (Osaka-Kobe) sector from shortly afternoon. They picked out airfields as their principal targets.

In all these raids, only slight damage was done to our ground installations.

### MORNING RAID

Tokyo, Aug. 4 (Domei).—Out of a total of 105 Mustang fighters which attacked the northern part of Kanto District yesterday morning, three were shot down and two others heavily damaged by Nippon interception, according to a check-up.

### U.S. SENATE ADJOURNS

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei).—The U.S. Senate adjourned last night until Oct. 2.



## Exports Necessary

Lisbon, Aug. 2 (Domei)—A Reuter dispatch from London commenting on Britain's critical export position, today said that when Lend-Lease sale of overseas investments and new overseas borrowing end, "Britain must get her exports back to well above their prewar volume on pain of starvation." It stated, however, that "Britain embarks on this task from the worst possible starting point."

Actual exports are increasing, but they are still only about 40 per cent. of the prewar level, it said. The dispatch added that export business is still being held back by the bottleneck which dogged Britain throughout the war—shortage of manpower.

It gloomily stated that there is no prospect that the labour situation will be materially easier by the end of this year.

## GOVT. NOTICES

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### NOTICE

Kokuji No. 121. It is hereby notified for general information that the Perak Shu Tyokan has been pleased to approve the release of 2 tins of Tiger Balm to each of the members of the public performing Jikeidan Duty, at \$1.50 per tin, for the month of August, 2605.

2. They will receive their rations from their respective Sector Chiefs.

3. Empty wrappers and tins are to be returned to their respective Sector Chiefs after one month.

Perak Shu Seityo Eiseika Tyo.  
(P.S.G. 1/05V)

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Buy the Perak Shu Saiken Lottery and win a handsome prize. At the same time support Local Charities.

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1. Yokohama Specie Bank.
2. Oversea Chinese Bank.
4. Malai Welfare Assn., Hale Street.
3. Sin Ten Chi Park and Higashiyama Cabaret.
5. I.I.L., Gurudwara Road.
6. Eurasian Assn., Brewster Road.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. Ng Yeam Theang and family of Kampar beg to tender their heartfelt thanks to all friends and relatives who sent wreaths, gave monetary gifts, attended and rendered assistance at the funeral of the late Mr. Ng Yeam Theang.

### KYOTO

Today last 2 shows:  
At 3 & 9 p.m.

KIBOU NI TATU  
Opens Tomorrow  
TATAKA NO MACHI

IPOH BUNKA EIGA GEKIJO  
Tonight at 9 p.m.  
MUSICAL CONCERT  
Tomorrow at 9 p.m.  
WENG CHOON SUM NEONG  
(Cantonese)

## Body-crashing Attack Told

(By A Domei War Corr.)

A Southern Base, Aug. 3—This is the story of how Sergeant-Major Tokunaga braved inclement weather and instantaneously sank one enemy cruiser with a body-crashing attack in waters off Puket Island on July 26.

Airmen of our Special Attack Corps in this sector, since an enemy task force approached the western coastline of Malai Peninsula on July 24, impatiently had awaited an opportunity to attack the enemy. However, this part of Malai Peninsula is at present in the midst of the rainy season. With torrential rains, whipping winds, poor visibility and treacherous air currents, Nippon planes had been prevented from taking off on an attack mission.

However, by July 26, this air unit's operation could no longer be postponed. So, headed by Sergeant-Major Tokunaga, this Special Attack Air Unit took off in

defiance of inclement weather to launch a daring broad daylight attack. After a few minutes, the planes of the unit lost contact with each other in thick clouds. Sergeant-Major Tokunaga could see only one craft piloted by Corporal Omura who followed close behind.

The two planes, in close formation, continued a strenuous search for the enemy. Though trembling like a leaf in a storm, our planes knifed through the clouds. Immediately Corporal Omura made a beeline for an enemy vessel. His plane seemed to cut through the sky like a streak of lightning. It will be a direct hit for sure. However, his plane was suddenly hit by enemy ac-ac fire within 50 metres of his target. Tokunaga helplessly watched it plunge into the sea.

### PLUNGED INTO ENEMY

Then the Sergeant-Major decided that it would be futile to attempt to sink this vessel with only one plane and its bombload; so he headed his plane back to base. Upon reaching the base, he immediately joined a new formation and took off, guiding the other planes towards the target.

When he was over his target, he plunged into the enemy. His beautifully executed body-crashing attack instantaneously sank one enemy cruiser. Another enemy warcraft was heavily crippled.

These heavy blows dealt by our intrepid airmen forced the enemy to finally give up his invasion operation against Puket Island and retreat toward Indian Ocean after sundown.

## U.S. Seeks Markets

Lisbon, July 31 (Domei).—With the opinion fast gaining ground among leading American business circles that American domestic prosperity in the post-war period can only be ensured by large-scale and vigorous development of world markets for American productivity, recent economic dispatches from the U.S. indicate that American economists are becoming increasingly concerned over British future trade policy, such as the possibility of Britain sealing up empire trade in the airtight sterling bloc to the exclusion of American business.

Although American businessmen appreciate Britain's economic plight and her need to work off her huge war indebtedness through regulated trade with her colonial possessions, these circles are anxious to "cut into" British colonial trade. In this connection, these quarters maintain that British industries, which have been sorely affected by the war, will not be able to fully meet colonial demands for some time to come, and economic progress in empire possessions will only be retarded through complete reliance on Britain.

## Chiang's Aims Now Exposed

Nanking, Aug. 3 (Domei).—The current fighting in Central Shensi between Chungking and Yen-an forces is of a different category than the past clashes which had been settled locally through Chungking's one-sided employment of power. For one thing, Yen-an stole a march on Chungking by launching a spirited propaganda warfare, while on the other hand, pointing out that Chungking forces had been using American bazookas, it is a warning against the danger of civil war in China.

Yen-an's stiff stand indicated that it will not agree to a vague settlement of the present struggle in Central Shensi. Of late Chungking has been propagandizing that it desires a political settlement in the relations with the Communist regime on the one hand, while on the other it has been making preparations for a settlement by force.

Several facts however, go to show that Chungking in reality, is putting more emphasis on war against Yen-an than on the war against Nippon. These factors include (1) vigorous enforcement by Chungking of Communist annihilation programme; (2) political instruction of various armies and instructions to special organs; (3) Chungking propaganda to peace areas, treating Yen-an only as a traitor.

### TRAINING DELAYED

Reports have it that Chungking, outwardly is talking loudly of a general offensive against Nippon but preparations for such an offensive have not been making smooth progress. Even the training of 30 divisions on the American basis will take the whole of this year the reports said. Circumstances being so, indications are that Chungking believes it must dispose off the Yen-an issue before the beginning of the general offensive against Nippon. It is also believed that Chungking hopes by putting pressure militarily on Yen-an before the end of the world war and thus disposing of the Yen-an issue, it can effect unification of China and obtain favourable international positions in the post-war period.

## Villagers' Request

Canton, July 31 (Domei).—Apparently inspired by mounting antagonism against Chungking dictatorship and driven by growing hardships in living conditions in the Chungking controlled areas, three villages in Tsungu Hsien, north of Canton, sent people's representatives to Canton to seek permission for the incorporation of the villages into the pacified zone under the Central National Government of Nanking.

Following investigation into the actual condition of these villages, the National Government authorities granted formal permission for their inclusion in the area under the administration of the Kwan-tung Provincial Government.

## EDITORIAL

### Perak's Pledge

IN fulfilment of the pledge given by Perak's representatives at the recent Syonan Evacuees' Conference, local organisations and even citizens have begun to take necessary steps to welcome those who are leaving Syonan in compliance with the authorities' evacuation scheme.

Apart from receiving them and giving them accommodation and reception, the people of Perak, both collectively and individually, are rendering every assistance possible to the Syonan evacuees.

The first big effort to raise funds for the evacuees was made last week-end by the Social and Welfare Section of the Perak Malai Welfare Association. Although it was a simple charity dance, held at the Higashiyama Cabaret with the kind co-operation of the management, the amount of more than \$150,000 realised by it, reflects the spontaneous support given by all communities for this worthy cause. And here, we may say that this is the initial undertaking and as such, it is a splendid augury for the future. Similar encouraging results are expected in the events that would certainly be organized in Perak in the not distant future for the same noble purpose.

If there were any doubts among the people of Syonan who are intending to evacuate to upcountry centres as to the prospects ahead in those places, they must have been cleared by now as the result of the warm reception accorded to those who have already come to the north both by the people and the authorities in the various Provinces. That being so, we earnestly hope that those who are still not engaged in non-essential services would soon seize the opportunity offered, especially the excellent facilities provided, by the authorities by evacuating without undue delay.

The evacuation move, we must stress, is being carried out for the benefit of the entire population—both of those living in and those leaving Syonan, and in the best interests of the defence of the whole country. Therefore, there should be no hesitation whatsoever on the part of the people with regard to the evacuation scheme, which we are happy to say, is making smooth progress.

### Music Programme

IpoH.—Following is the programme for the Perak State Band's musical performance at the Bunka Eiga Gekijo tonight:

Chichiyo anatawa tsuyokatta, Natsukashino bolero, Waltz "Theresen" by C. Faust, Love's Serenade, "Sweet Jasmine" by Theo. Bendix, Shanghai Blues, Overture "Zampa" by F. Herold, Neapolitan Nights, Marche Militaire by Franz Schubert, Chinese song and Aikoku Koshin Kioku.